

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multi-channel video programming, or internet access service;
Pages H8757–58

GI Bill Planning Act of 2019: H.R. 4162, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period under which an election must be made for entitlement to educational assistance under the All-Volunteer Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs, to phase out the use of such program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 610;
Pages H8758–60, H8774

VA Design-Build Construction Enhancement Act of 2019: H.R. 3996, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the use of the design-build construction method for Department of Veterans Affairs construction projects;
Pages H8760–61

Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act: H.R. 1424, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure the Secretary of Veterans Affairs permits the display of Fallen Soldier Displays in national cemeteries; and
Pages H8761–63

Amending title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans: H.R. 3224, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 611.
Pages H8763–73, H8774–75

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–79).
Pages H8773–74

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–80).
Page H8774

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8774 and H8774–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1980, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women’s history museum, and for other purposes. H.R. 1980 was ordered reported, as amended.

UNITED STATES EXPORT FINANCE AGENCY ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waters, and Representatives Stivers and Lucas.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1206)

S. 693, to amend title 36, United States Code, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. Signed on November 7, 2019. (Public Law 116–67)

H.R. 1396, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race. Signed on November 8, 2019. (Public Law 116–68)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 10, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, S. 481, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, S. 999, to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry, S. 1069, to require the Secretary of

Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, S. 1640, to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, S. 1982, to improve efforts to combat marine debris, S. 2330, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to provide for congressional oversight of the board of directors of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and to protect amateur athletes from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, S. 2346, to improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, S. 2429, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2453, to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility, S. 2525, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct a study of personal protective equipment worn by firefighters to determine the prevalence and concentration of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, S. 2535, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis relating to the decline in the business formation rate in the United States, S. 2597, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, S. 2693, to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems, S. 2775, to improve the cyber workforce of the United States, S. 2782, to improve provisions of law relating to sexual harassment and assault prevention at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 2789, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, S. 2800, to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2805, to improve transit-oriented development financing, H.R. 3153, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, an original bill entitled, “Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2019”, the nominations of Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for

a term expiring December 31, 2020, and to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine preserving and expanding clean, reliable nuclear power, focusing on United States commercial nuclear reactor performance trends and safety initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the response to lung illnesses and rising youth electronic cigarette use, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the year in review, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stanley Blumenfeld, and Mark C. Scarsi, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, and Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, joint hearing entitled “F-35 Program Update: Sustainment, Production, and Affordability Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 2339, the “Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019”; H.R. 4995, the “Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4996, the “Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services Act of 2019”; and H.R. 2387, the “STOP GAMES Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “How America Leads Abroad: An Examination of Multilateral Development Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 13, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2445, the “Self-Employed Mortgage Act”; H.R. 3490, the “Small Business Lending Fairness Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Debt Collection Practices Harmonization Act”; H.R. 4403, the “Stop Debt Collection Abuse Act”; H.R. 5021, the “Ending Debt Collection Harassment Act of 2019”; H.R. 2398, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the HUD-VASH program, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual reports to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding homeless veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 5003, the “Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Non-

Judicial Foreclosure Debt Collection Clarification Act”; and H.R. 5013, the “Small Business Fair Debt Collection Protection Act”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “Democracy and the NATO Alliance: Upholding our Shared Democratic Values”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 79, removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Online Platforms and Market Power, Part 4: Perspectives of the Antitrust Agencies”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 4957, the “Native American Child Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Roads to Ruin: Examining the Impacts of Removing National Forest Roadless Protections”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Transparency or Silencing Science? The Future of Science in EPA Rulemaking”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Keeping Our Sights on Mars Part 2: Structuring a Moon-Mars Program for Success”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Upskilling the Medical Workforce: Opportunities in Health Innovation”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Amtrak Now and Into the Future”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Review of Smithsonian Institution Current Facilities and Future Space Needs”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hijacking our Heroes: Exploiting Veterans through Disinformation on Social Media”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador William B. Taylor and Mr. George Kent”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 11 a.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 13 through November 15, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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